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THREE OHIO MEN CHARGED WITH POSSESSING 3.6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Ohio men were charged in federal court today with possessing cocaine with intent to distribute.

Floyd B. Binder, 50, **James A. Long**, 34, and **Geno L. Dellanno**, 23, all of Ohio, were charged with possessing with intent to distribute in excess of 500 grams of cocaine in a federal criminal complaint filed today in U.S. District Court in Springfield.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, the defendants were stopped by a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper for speeding at approximately 8:30 a.m. Thursday. **Long** was driving a rented Chevrolet Suburban eastbound on I-44 in Greene County, Mo., in which **Binder** and **Dellanno** were passengers.

During a search of the vehicle, the affidavit says, the trooper located three heat-sealed packages containing more than 3.6 kilograms of cocaine. The trooper also located a Taurus revolver and a 40-caliber semi-automatic Mouser above the driver's side rear wheel well.

The vehicle was rented in Ohio, according to the affidavit, and the defendants indicated that they had traveled to Dallas, Texas, and were returning to Ohio when they were stopped.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David P. Rush. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administrations and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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